

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Thorp, et al. Examiner: Arun K. Chakrabarti
 Serial No.: 10/008,233 Group Art Unit: 1634
 Filed: November 6, 2001
 For: **Electrochemical Detection of Nucleic Acid Hybridization**

August 25, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
 Post Office Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
 (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the Official Action dated February 24, 2003.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

3. Applicant:

Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

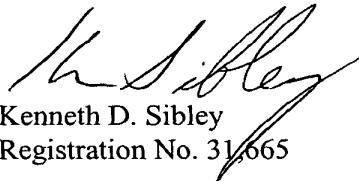
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- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



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